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SUBJECT: QUESTION FROM DEFENSE MINISTER APEL REGARDING  
SECDEF'S TRAVEL PLANS; APEL'S PREFERENCES  
FOR A GARLSTEDT CEREMONY

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BEGIN SUMMARY: DEFENSE MINISTER APEL HAS ASKED US  
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WHETHER SECRETARY BROWN WILL ACCOMPANY THE PRESIDENT TO  
GERMANY. APEL SUGGESTS THAT HE, APEL, AND SECDEF ATTEND  
A CEREMONY AT GARLSTEDT THIS FALL AFTER THE US TROOPS  
HAVE ARRIVED RATHER THAN A CONSTRUCTION CEREMONY  
(RICHTFEST) IN JULY. ACTION REQUESTED: SEE PARA 6,  
BELOW.) END SUMMARY

1. ON JUNE 20, DEFENSE MINISTER APEL'S CIVILIAN AIDE, DR. RUDLOFF, TOLD US THAT MINISTER APEL WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER SECRETARY BROWN WOULD BE ACCOMPANYING THE PRESIDENT TO GERMANY AND, IF SO, WHAT SECRETARY BROWN'S SCHEDULE WOULD BE. RUDLOFF SAID THAT, IN THE LIGHT OF THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION, MINISTER APEL WOULD CONSIDER WHETHER TO SUGGEST THAT HE AND SECRETARY BROWN HAVE A FORMAL MEETING OF THEIR OWN - IN ADDITION TO THE INFORMAL CONTACTS WHICH THEY WOULD PRESUMABLY HAVE DURING THE MILITARY PORTION OF THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO GERMANY.

2. ON A RELATED MATTER, RUDLOFF TOLD US THAT MINISTER APEL THOUGHT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE IF HE AND SECRETARY BROWN DID NOT ATTEND THE CONSTRUCTION CEREMONY (RICHTFEST) AT GARLSTEDT DURING THE PERIOD JULY 17-20. APEL FELT THE OCCASION DID NOT LEND ITSELF TO ATTENDANCE BY MINISTERS BECAUSE THERE WOULD NOT YET BE ANY US TROOPS, AS SUCH, IN THE AREA AND BECAUSE THE US WOULD NOT HAVE FORMALLY TAKEN OVER THE GARLSTEDT INSTALLATION.

3. RUDLOFF SAID APEL WOULD PREFER THAT THERE BE A CEREMONY AT GARLSTEDT, ATTENDED BY HIMSELF AND SECRETARY BROWN, "SOMETIME IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER" AFTER SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF US TROOPS HAD ARRIVED AT THE POST. RUDLOFF FELT THAT THE PRESS COVERAGE WOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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BETTER AT SUCH A CEREMONY THAN AT THE RICHTFEST, AND THAT THE PHOTOGRAPHIC OPPORTUNITIES (E.G., PICTURES OF US TROOPS) WOULD BE BETTER. RUDLOFF INDICATED THAT, IN DUE COURSE, AN INVITATION WOULD BE EXTENDED BY APEL TO SECRETARY BROWN TO ATTEND THE AUTUMN CEREMONY AT

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4. RUDLOFF ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF SECRETARY BROWN FELT VERY STRONGLY THAT THE TWO MINISTERS SHOULD ATTEND THE RICHTFEST, APEL MIGHT BE WILLING TO RECONSIDER HIS POSITION. IN SUCH AN EVENT, THE ONLY DAY THAT APEL WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR THE RICHTFEST WAS JULY 20.

5. COMMENT: WE CONSIDER THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENT BY RUDLOFF WAS MADE OUT OF COURTESY ONLY, AND WE RECEIVED THE IMPRESSION THAT HE DID NOT WANT IT TO BE TAKEN VERY SERIOUSLY. ALSO, JULY 20 WOULD PRESUMABLY NOT BE A CONVENIENT DATE FOR SECRETARY BROWN IF HE IS IN GERMANY  
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WITH THE PRESIDENT DURING THE PERIOD JULY 13-17.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT WASHINGTON:

(A) PROVIDE US WITH AN ANSWER TO APEL'S QUESTION IN PARA ONE, ABOVE;

(B) LET US KNOW WHETHER SECRETARY BROWN WOULD BE AVAILABLE, IN PRINCIPLE, TO ATTEND THE FALL CEREMONY AT GARLSTEDT, AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE TO BE DETERMINED.  
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